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## Sleeping in the Midst of the Storm

*I will lie down  
and sleep in peace,  
for you alone, O Lord,  
make me dwell in  
safety.*

— Psalm 4:8 (NIV)

The storms of life are going to come to all of us.

But just because our world is tossing and turning doesn't mean we have to be in that condition. Just

because there is a stormy situation, it

doesn't mean that our life has to be in turmoil. We can rest in the midst of the storm.

In Mark chapter 4, the disciples' boat was being tossed back and forth by a furious storm. Jesus was fast asleep. The storm didn't disturb Him at all, but the disciples were worried and afraid.

Before Jesus went to sleep, He had said, "Let us go to the other side" (Mark 4:35). Jesus fully intended to sail to the other side, and it didn't make any difference what happened in the meantime. Storm or no storm, Jesus intended to arrive safely on the other side. All the disciples had to do was to have faith in Jesus' words. Unfortunately, the storm produced fear in their lives.

Many times when we're standing in faith, believing God for something, the storms of life come to produce fear in us. At that moment, we must choose between having faith in God's Word and having faith in the storm.

The disciples allowed the storm to take their focus and attention off the words of the Lord. Many times we find ourselves in a circumstance that tries to take our focus off what the Word says. When we lose our focus, we lose our faith. As soon as we begin to look at the wind and the waves, the circumstances around us, we will begin to sink.

We are going to experience storms. Our boat on life's sea will be tossed to and fro, because the devil is trying to destroy us (John 10:10).

Some people think that just because Jesus is on board, there won't be any storms. But Jesus was on board with the disciples, and the storm still raged. Friend, just because Jesus is on board your ship in life does not guarantee smooth sailing or that you won't have to sail through storms. But what Jesus *does* guarantee is that you will sail through the storm and make it to the other side!

The disciples questioned Jesus the same way many Christians question God today. They said in Mark 4:38,

"Teacher, don't

You care if we

drown?" Today Christians ask, "God, why did You allow this?" or, "God, don't You care that this is happening to me?"

We can be sure the storms are going to come. And when they do, our response shouldn't be, "God, don't you care?" Of course, God cares! First Peter 5:7 says He cares for us affectionately and cares about us watchfully (*Amplified*). When we start doubting Him by asking these kinds of questions, we remove Him from the equation. We nullify His ability to work in our life.

Our response should be, "Lord, I know You care. I know You are working on my behalf to take care of this situation. I'm going to rest because I trust in You."

When the doctor gives a bad report, that's a storm. What are you going to do? How are you going to respond? Are you going to question or blame God? Or are you going to respond, "Those are the facts. But I'm armed with the greater facts of God's Word. I will walk in peace knowing what God says about my situation."

In the inevitable storms of life, either you will be thrown overboard and drowned by the tossing waves, or you will fight your way through the storm and sail into sunlight on the other side. Whether or not you make it through the storm is determined by your decision to believe God's Word or to look to the circumstances. You can either look to the natural and ask, "What am I going to do now?" or you can focus on God's Word and ask, "What does the Bible say about this?"

Find out what God says and then begin to confess His Word over the situation. According to circumstances, it may look as if you aren't going to make it. But if you believe what God says, you can't go under for good!

From the time the storm begins until it ends, you can sleep. You can rest in the Lord because you know what His Word says. You know that He will bring you through the storm. Because you are able to cast your cares on the Lord and rest in Him, you can also *literally* sleep — you can lay your head down on a pillow and go to sleep!

You can experience calm and serenity at all times. The decision as to what you will do in the midst of the storm is up to you. Choose today to believe God's Word. When you abide in God and His Word abides in you, you can sleep, even in the midst of the storm!

*Kenneth Hagin Jr.*

— Rev. Kenneth Hagin Jr.

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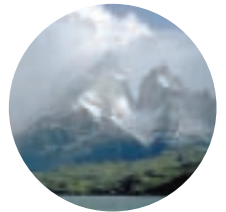
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# LETTING GO *of*



*Kenneth E. Hagin*

*If we don't commit our anxieties to the Lord, there will come a time when all of our prayers, and all the prayers of everyone we ask to pray for us, will be to no avail. We're going to be right where we started as long as we hold on to those anxieties. We must cast our cares upon the Lord.*

In today's world there are many things we could be anxious about: the economy, terrorism, the threat of war, even health and personal issues. But negative circumstances don't give us the right to worry and to be anxious. God tells us to cast our cares, worries, and anxieties onto Him.

It's easy to discover why prayer doesn't work all the time for some people. They want you to pray the prayer of faith and get the victory for them, but they want to hold on to their cares, too.

Philippians 4:6 gives us one of God's instructions on prayer.

#### **PHILIPPIANS 4:6**

**6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.**

"Be careful for nothing" is from the *King James Version*. In today's speech, we would say, "Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything."

Notice that this instruction is about prayer. What is the first thing the Lord said to do? Deal with your anxieties; deal with your worries. Do that first. Then pray.

It's easy enough to practice the second part of the verse ("*... in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanks-*

*giving let your requests be made known unto God*"), but this part is not going to work without taking the first step ("*Be careful for nothing...*"). The first thing we must do is deal with worry and anxiety.

I was holding a meeting in south Texas once, and a Full Gospel minister contacted me through the pastor to see if I would talk to him. He was in a lot of trouble. I knew him, so I said, "Tell him I will talk to him."

So he came to that town and told me his problems. Among other things, he was being sued, and that was going to cost him a lot of money in lawyers' fees alone. Troubles were piled on him. He was so nervous, he hadn't eaten for days. His stomach was jumping because he was worried, fretful, and full of anxiety. He couldn't even keep water on his stomach. He couldn't sleep at night. He was full of anxiety with all of his troubles staring him in the face.

He wanted me to pray the prayer of faith that would straighten out all of his problems. I realized I had to deal with his anxieties before the prayer would work, so I began to talk to him along these lines. I even gave him Philippians 4:6, encouraging him to cast his cares, anxieties, worries, and concerns on the Lord before taking his problems to the Lord in prayer.

He said, "Why won't the Lord hear me? I've prayed and prayed and prayed. I've done everything I know to do, and I can't find any relief." He was full of anxiety and fear — that's why!

I began to tell him what the Bible says. And this born-again, Spirit-filled, tongue-talking, Bible-believing, divine healing-believing, miracle-believing, Full Gospel minister said to me, "Well, not everyone has as much faith as you do."

Philippians 4:6 and First Peter 5:7 to him out of *The Amplified Bible*.

**PHILIPPIANS 4:6 (Amplified)**

**6 Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God.**

**1 PETER 5:7 (Amplified)**

**7 Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully.**

***“Why won’t the Lord hear me? I’ve prayed and prayed and prayed. I’ve done everything I know to do, and I can’t find any relief.”***

I told him, "I got down by my bed and read these verses to the Lord. I said to Him, 'See, You told me right here, "Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything," so I'm not going to do it. I'm going to do what You told me to do. You said, "In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known," so I'm bringing this problem to You and turning it over to You. Now I'm going to thank You for the answer and go to

to bring it back to me. He brought a picture of it to me, but it's Your problem. You keep working on it. I'm going back to sleep now.'"

I told the preacher, "I had a struggle for a day or two, but I placed it in God's hands. I rested, and He worked it all out."

The Word will work for anyone! God is our burden-bearer! Make it personal. Say, "God is *my* burden-bearer. He knows all about me and

my situation. He carries the load. I turn it over to Him."

You're going to get into difficulties in life. You're not going to float through life on flowery beds of ease. The crises of life come to all of us. The difference lies in how we handle them. And how we handle them depends on whether we know the Word, the Spirit of God, and how to pray correctly.

You may be holding on to cares and anxieties. You're still fretting. In fact, you've even gone beyond fretting. You may be boiling over with anxiety, care, and concern. But God wants you to live life carefree, load-free, anxiety-free, worry-free, and burden-free!

It's time to cast your cares on the Lord. No, I didn't say it would be easy, especially if you've been in the habit of worry for a long time. Just release the habit of worry into His hands and get in the habit of faith instead.

Say, "Lord, I'm putting [name your situation] into Your hands. I'm turning that over to You. I refuse to fret anymore, and I refuse to worry anymore. I refuse to be unduly concerned anymore about this. You said to cast it *all* on You because You love me; You care for me affectionately, and You care about me watchfully.

"It's in Your hands, Lord, from this moment on. I rest in You, and I thank

# ANXIETY

I said, "It isn't a matter of faith, dear brother. You have the same Bible I have. I'm not telling you to do something I haven't done. I don't like to magnify problems, but let me tell you about a few problems I've faced . . ." I told him — and they were worse than what he was facing.

He began to soften. He asked, "What did you do?"

I replied, "I never missed a meal. I never missed a wink of sleep. I'll tell you what I did . . ." then I read Philip-

bed. *Now You've got it. You work on it while I'm asleep.'*"

"Do you mean it worked that easily for you?" the preacher asked.

"No," I said. "I didn't say it was easy. I'd wake up in the middle of the night at first, and that problem would hit me. I'd start thinking about it. I couldn't go back to sleep, so I got out of bed, got on my knees, opened my Bible, and read it to the Lord and to myself.

"I'd say, 'There it is, Lord. I'm not going to take it back. The devil is trying

You for taking care of this for me. Thank You for giving me peace as You resolve this situation.”

Yes, the devil will bring a picture of it back to your mind after you get into bed tonight. What are you going to do? Start laughing at him!

Tell him, “Yes, devil, you brought that picture back, but I’m not worried about it. I turned that over to the Lord. And while I’m asleep, He’s working on the case. Ha! Ha!” And then go back to sleep. That is being a doer of the Word and not a hearer only (James 1:22).

There are those who are on the verge of receiving their manifestation

watchfully. He is watching. He will see you through. Just turn it loose and fall back into His arms. He will catch you. Just relax and rest in Him, and you will find that your symptoms will disappear.

You see, the Word of God does not work just for one. And it is not writ-

*God wants us to live life carefree, load-free, anxiety-free, worry-free, and burden-free!*

for healing, but it hasn’t come yet — and the reason is, they are holding on to that sickness, disease, or physical condition. *Turn it loose!* Quit holding on to it. Let it go, and just lean back on Jesus.

Jesus cares for you affectionately. He loves *you*. He cares for you affectionately, and He cares about you

ten just for the benefit of just one. The Word of God belongs to ALL.

Take the Word as a special message from the kind, loving, giving heart of your own Father, and apply it unto yourself. Act upon it with the simplicity of a little child, and you will get results every time. 🕊️

# Casting Your Cares Upon THE LORD

Cares, anxiety, and worry will certainly come your way in life. But you can live victoriously above even the most distressing circumstances when you learn to cast your cares upon the Lord!

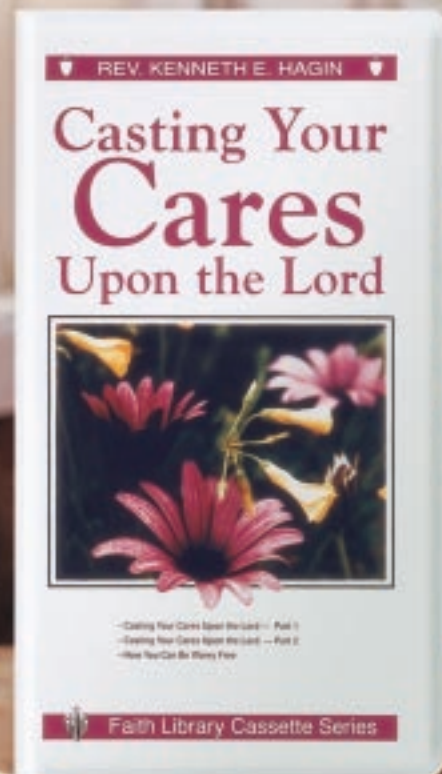
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Lynette Hagin's Women's Conference

# KINDLE THE FLAME

## HIGHLIGHTS

With a heart to train an army of women who will fulfill their purpose in God, Mrs. Lynette Hagin hosted a successful Kindle the Flame Conference this past September. Kindle the Flame 2002 guest speakers included Debbie Varney, Donna Pickens, and Patsy Cameneti.

Rev. Cameneti and her husband, Tony, are RHEMA graduates and the current directors of RHEMA Singapore. Patsy spoke during the Friday evening service of the women's conference, and the following is a small excerpt from her powerful message on purpose.

# What Is Our Purpose?

Explaining how important it is to wait on God's timing even after receiving God's plan, Patsy began, "It takes much more discipline to wait for the green light than it does to run red lights — even if you know the direction you're supposed to go. You don't have as many accidents if you wait for the green light.

"The call of God is often time-released. It's similar to certain kinds of medicine that are time-released in that you can receive it now, but it doesn't start working until a certain time. That's often the way the call of God works. It's time-released!

"You can spend every ounce of your energy — even your life's blood — to defend yourself, your spouse, your kids, and everything in your possession. But if you don't answer to a higher cause, you will end up losing it all.

"When you lose your cause, or higher purpose, then *you* become your purpose. And when *you* become your purpose, your life is only involved with itself. All you think about is you; every sermon you hear is for you; and every good thing you receive from God is for you. But that isn't the highest purpose!

"In Esther chapter 4, Esther is told, 'For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for

the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that *you have come to royal position for such a time as this?*' (v. 14 NIV). God's Kingdom hasn't just come to us to change *our* life. No, we have been brought to the Kingdom to do something for the Kingdom!

"The demoniac who was healed by Jesus in Mark chapter 5 wasn't just delivered. He was delivered, and then he was *commissioned!* The deliverance wasn't his purpose. The deliverance simply enabled him to fulfill his purpose — that of sharing the good news about Jesus throughout Decapolis!

"In the same way, the answer you receive for a particular need in your life is not your purpose. The answer comes so that you can *serve your purpose*. The purpose is always beyond yourself!

"Many times we've used everything we know about salvation, healing, prosperity, or deliverance just to keep



our own head above water. The truth of God's Word has been our life jacket, so to speak, and we just are floating in the water. But it's so much better to grab on to a purpose and rise up out of the water!

"You can spend every spiritual muscle and every ounce of energy on yourself from now until you stand before the Head of the Church. You can use every sermon you hear ministered by your pastor and from every other pulpit just to keep yourself afloat. But I would hate to stand before Jesus and have used His great salvation only to keep myself afloat — just to live in personal victory all my life.

"Aren't you glad that Jesus didn't just have a personal victory on this earth? Aren't you glad He didn't come to earth just to show us He could be healthy, wealthy, and wise? Aren't you glad that He didn't live for His own happiness and allow everyone else to go to hell?

"Yes, Jesus was victorious! But He wasn't just into personal victory. His consuming purpose was *our* victory! And He made a way for us to come into His family.

"As Christians, we share His family characteristics, and one of those characteristics is that we will never be fulfilled or truly

happy as long as our life is only about our personal victory. But when we grab hold of a divine purpose, there is true joy and satisfaction.

“One part of our purpose is to *pray*. In Mark 11:17, Jesus said, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer.’ At the time when He spoke, Jesus’ house was the literal temple. Now, our body is the temple of the Holy Ghost (1 Cor. 6:19). That means that God will use our body to serve us in prayer. We can pick things up with the eyes of our spirit and with our ears that we are to pray about.

“God shows you what to pray for, and you get in on an adventure. Living for a divine purpose, you start working for God’s Kingdom. You are no longer in the Kingdom just for the *benefits*. Now you are a part of Kingdom *business!*”

The anointed message about purpose concluded with a powerful time in the Holy Spirit as Rev. Cameneti and Mrs. Hagin ministered together to the congregation through prayer lines and through tongues and interpretation.

The following is an excerpt from a special word that Mrs. Lynette Hagin shared at the close of the service.

*I have to deliver one more message to minister to ministers’ wives. Some of you have been kept from doing what God has called you to do by fear. I know what fear is like, because it kept me in bondage for many years. And it’s something that grips the very pit of your stomach. It’s difficult to overcome! It takes the Name of Jesus, because fear is a spirit. And that spirit has dogged some of you for so long.*

*The Lord is saying tonight, “You’re free of that. You’re free of that in the Name of Jesus! No longer shall you be dogged by that!”*

*That fear is gone in the Name of Jesus. I speak the Name that is greater than all names. At the Name of Jesus every knee must bow, and every tongue must confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Fear, you must go! You must leave in Jesus’ Name.*

*And in the days to come, you will see that release. It’s not going to be overnight; it’s going to be gradual. But those things that have tormented you are no longer going to torment you. Those things that you’ve been so timid and shy about, you will no longer be timid and shy about. But there’s going to be boldness! A boldness to such a degree that you’re going to wonder, “Who said that?” For out of your mouth shall come great words of wisdom. And it shall shape your very destiny. And it shall shape the destiny of those around you.*

*But be very careful that you only speak the words of the Lord. It’s not your will. It’s not what you want. It’s not your desires! No, no, no! Don’t use this as control! For if you do, it’ll come to naught!*

*But only speak the word of the Holy Ghost. And as you speak the words of the Holy Ghost, things will change. Yes, things will change even in those situations that you thought would never change. . . . “Nothing is hopeless with Me,” saith the Lord. . . .*

*Where there has been sadness, depression, and grief, there shall be a laugh. That depression shall leave, and your home shall be Heaven on earth.*

*“Yes, your home shall be Heaven on earth, because I am in control,” saith the Lord. “And as you allow Me to be in control, it shall be more than you could ever imagine. For I am able to do exceedingly and abundantly above all you can ask.”*

*Some may wonder, “Is that word for me?” If it applies, it’s for you. Take it! Hallelujah!*

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*Natural human faith can accomplish great things, but there are some things that are still impossible for man to accomplish in his own strength. That is why we need the God-kind of faith — the faith that believes, speaks, and receives — for nothing is impossible with God!*

# NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE



*Kenneth Hagin Jr.*

As we live our lives here on earth, we hear this word over and over again: *impossible, impossible, impossible*. Listen to the conversations all around you. You will hear it over and over again.

Maybe you have been told that reaching your goals is impossible, making ends meet is impossible, finding a good-paying job is impossible, living in safety without fear is impossible, knowing God's plan for your life is impossible, or finding a godly spouse is impossible. Impossible? No. Nothing is impossible with God (Luke 1:37)!

Too often, circumstances in our life can become so overwhelming that we think it is impossible for those circumstances to change. But with God, *all* things are possible! Matthew 19:26 says, ". . . With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible" (NIV). Luke 18:27 says, ". . . What is impossible with men is possible with God" (NIV). Mark 10:27 says, ". . . With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God" (NIV). In Mark 9:23 Jesus said, "Everything is possible for him who believes" (NIV).

If you believe, you can accomplish something. People told the Wright brothers, "You can't fly." But they did! According to what men said, there could not be a Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. But the bridge is standing today.

These are examples of what natural human faith can accomplish. Maybe you were told that something was impossible for *you* to accom-

plish, but you accomplished it anyway, because you believed you could! You had a natural human faith — a faith that accomplished something just because you believed it yourself.

Natural human faith can accomplish great things, but some things are just impossible for man to do. It is impossible for man to save himself. It is impossible for man to heal himself of an incurable disease. To hear the news today, it is impossible for man to remedy the bleak situation in which we find ourselves.

What can we do in impossible situations? We can get hold of *possibility faith*.

As I said, there are some things that your natural human faith will accomplish. You can do these things simply by believing in yourself. On the other hand, there are some things that you can believe all you want to, but you

*King James Version* says, “Have the faith of God.” The faith of God refers to the God-kind of faith. The *Worrell New Testament* states in the margin, “Faith originates with God; and those who have real faith have *His* faith.” The God-kind of faith is *possibility faith*. In other words, things that are impossible with man’s natural faith are possible with the God-kind of faith. Possibility faith is a faith that believes in the heart and says with the mouth, then receives what is believed and said.

I want you to thoroughly understand the kind of faith I am writing about. When Jesus said, “Have the God-kind of faith,” He was talking about the kind of faith that God has always exercised.

Genesis 1:3 says, “*And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.*” Verses 6 and 7 say, “*And God said, Let*

I want you to realize this: You and I are children of God. You and I are members of the family of God, and we have become joint-heirs with Jesus Christ. When we were adopted into the family of God through salvation, we were given the same kind of possibility faith that God has, because He is our Father. *When we believe and speak according to the Word of God, we will have results too!*

The key to having results is to speak in line with the Word of God. Therefore, we have to know what the Word says! Romans 10:17 says, “*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*”

The Bible has so much to say about hearing. For example, in the Book of Revelation alone, we see repeatedly the words, “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit is saying.” We all have ears, so what does this phrase

mean? God wants us to know that it is not enough merely to hear the sound of His Word with our two physical ears. We must hear the Word with our spirit. We must

allow the Word to begin to take root in our heart.

When a commercial comes on television, many people flip a mental switch and block out the sound for the duration of the commercial. When the commercial is over, they flip the

mental switch again, tuning right back into the program they were watching. They may have heard the commercial with their physical ears, but they weren’t paying attention to it. They probably couldn’t even say what it was about.

Some people act the same way with the things of God.

They will sit in church, listen to good singing, and praise God. They will clap their hands and sing, but the moment the

# WITH GOD

will never be set free until you get hold of *possibility faith* from the Word of God.

Jesus said in Luke 18:27, “. . . *The things that are impossible with men are possible with God.*” And we read in Luke 1:37, “*For with God nothing shall be impossible.*” With these two scriptures in mind, let’s read Mark 11:22-24.

**MARK 11:22-24**

**22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.**

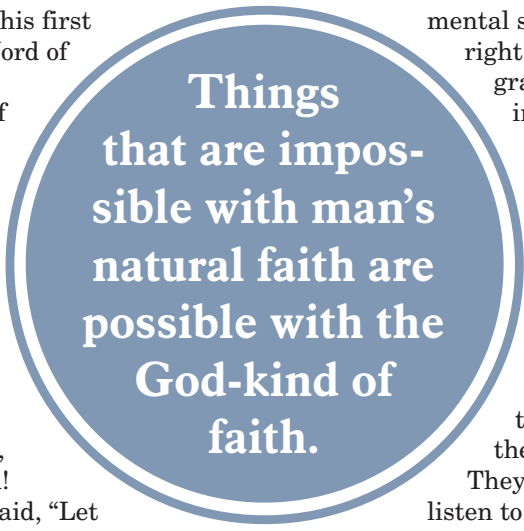
**23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.**

**24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.**

In verse 22, Jesus says to have faith in God. The note in the margin of the

*there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.*”

Throughout this first chapter of the Word of God, there is a demonstration of the God-kind of faith. That possibility faith is the kind of faith that speaks and gets results! Throughout Genesis chapter 1, we read that when God spoke, things happened! Whenever God said, “Let there be . . .” — *there was!*



preaching starts, they flip a mental switch and tune out the Word of God. Then when the service ends, and the music starts playing again, they flip that mental switch again and join right in the singing. They have missed the chance to build their faith because they didn't hear the most important part of the service — the Word of God.

people never acknowledge the natural facts of their situation. They deny the existence of problems rather than acknowledge that God's Word is greater than their problem. These people sound excited as they continually talk about faith, but they don't see many results because they are in a ditch on one side of the road.

The third category is what I call the "positive confession people." These are the people who use their possibility faith. They stay in the middle of the road. A person in the middle of the road says, "My body hurts. That is a natural fact. I can't deny that. But armed with the greater facts of God's Word, I believe and confess that I am healed according to First Peter 2:24, which says, 'By Jesus' stripes I was healed!'" This individual recognizes that the problem exists, but he takes his possibility faith (the God-kind of faith) and puts it to work on his behalf in order to get results.

**If we are going to receive anything from God, we have to stay out of the ditch on both sides of the faith message.**

I have been around the faith message my entire life. I am not bragging on myself, but I can usually talk with people about faith, and within five minutes locate where they are concerning this subject. People usually come under one of three categories.

The first category is what I call the "excited faith people." These are the ones who have been where the Word has been preached. They are caught up with the inspiration of the moment and are all excited about faith. But these

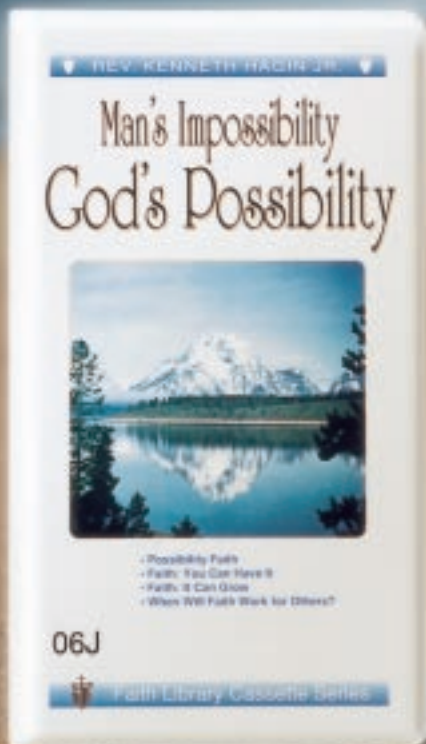
The second category of people is in a ditch on the other side of the road when it comes to the subject of faith. They say, "The Bible says I'm healed, but I still feel pain, so I guess I'm not healed." I call this category the "undecided people." They may make a faith confession one time, but they aren't really sure if faith works. These people acknowledge the facts *too much*, to the detriment of their faith, and they are eventually snared by their own words.

If we are going to receive anything from God, we have to stay out of the ditch on both sides of the faith message. We must walk in the middle of the road, which is walking according to the example that God set in His Word.

Line up your confession with the Word of God, and exercise the faith that God has given you. When you recognize that a problem exists and put the God-kind of faith to work on that problem, you will see results, for *nothing is impossible with God!* 🙏

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**M**y wife and I are from the Netherlands. In 1991, someone gave us a book by Kenneth Hagin, and on the back cover was information regarding RHEMA Bible Training Center.

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My wife and I became Word Partners in 1993. God has given Kenneth Hagin

Ministries a mission and they are accomplishing it. But they cannot do it on their own. It requires everyone doing his or her part to help.

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Upon graduation from RHEMA Bible Training Center, we returned to the Nether-

lands and pioneered a church which we pastored for 7 years. We are currently back in the United States attending RHEMA School of World Missions to continue our next step in ministry.

As we have sown financially for years, we are still learning from Kenneth Hagin Ministries. Our partnership is a two-way street, a covenant in which we continually help each other.

(Hendrik, Netherlands)

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# Revisiting the History of Campmeeting

As with many other outreaches of Kenneth Hagin Ministries, Campmeeting can be traced to the time when Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin answered the call of God upon his life as a prophet and teacher. Steps of obedience, taken one at a time, led to more light and direction as the Lord revealed more and more of His commission to Rev. Hagin.

## The Commission To Teach Faith . . .

In 1950, one year after Rev. Hagin began his field ministry, the Lord commissioned him, "Go teach My people faith. I have taught you faith by My Word and through experience. Now go teach My people what I have taught you. *Go teach My people faith!*"

## . . . And To Hold a Special Meeting

More than 20 years later, as the ministry grew and the vision expanded, the Lord awakened Rev. Hagin early one morning in January 1973 and instructed him to hold a meeting — a special meeting — where the spirit of old-time camp meetings would prevail. He instructed him to teach on faith in the daytime and to leave the evening sessions open to the move of the Spirit of God. In the early years, each of the meetings was called a "Faith Seminar and Indoor Campmeeting."

The first of these meetings was held in July 1973 in the 800-seat auditorium at what now is Sheridan Christian Center in Tulsa. Plans for this Campmeeting were announced primarily through the ministry's monthly publication, *The Word of Faith*. No special mailings or invitations were sent out. Yet when the time came for Campmeeting, the people came — from Canada, Mexico, France, Italy, and from throughout the United States, including Hawaii. They came from all walks of life and from many denominations. Faith was taught each morning. During the evenings, Rev. Hagin taught from God's Word on healing and then ministered to the sick by the laying on of hands. Many were

saved, filled with the Holy Spirit, and healed. Each service was unique.

## Why Do We Call the Meetings "Campmeeting"?

Many younger people unfamiliar with the term often ask, "Why do you call the meetings 'Campmeeting'?" The term goes back to the old Methodist camp meetings. Rev. Hagin first heard about them many years ago when preaching in Roland, Texas. People came in wagons, ready for more of the Spirit of God, and they would often be shouting and praising God even before they got out of their wagons. They set up camp and ate in a cooktent similar to our modern-day cafeteria. Those who came weren't in a hurry, so the Spirit of God could move freely. While we now "camp" in hotels and motels, the spirit of these old-time camp meetings still prevails.

Over the years, the Lord has used Campmeeting as a vehicle not only to teach the Body of Christ, but also to bring further revelation concerning His plans for Kenneth Hagin Ministries. For example, the beginning of holding Campmeeting coincided with the unfolding of yet another step in God's plan for this ministry. During one service at Campmeeting '73, Rev. Hagin suddenly announced under the unction of the Holy Spirit, "We're going to start a Bible school!" When asked about it

later, he didn't remember saying it, and had to go back and listen to it on tape! The following year, in September 1974, classes began at RHEMA Bible Training Center.

As men, women, and children of various ages and backgrounds have gathered together to seek the Lord and His transforming work in their lives, God has always been faithful to do His part!

Over the years, Campmeeting has touched and blessed countless lives. A complete presentation of highlights from the past 30 years of Campmeeting could easily fill a good-sized book. But to give you the flavor of this special event, here are just a few of the numerous significant landmarks seen at past Campmeetings.

## Some Highlights From Past Campmeetings

- At Campmeeting '74, Rev. Hagin preached his classic message, "El Shaddai." Testimonies by attendees abounded of God's supernatural provision and deliverance en route to Campmeeting that year.
- During a service at Campmeeting '76, Rev. Hagin said, "Although I'm known as a prophet and teacher, tonight the anointing is on me to preach!" During Campmeeting that year, Rev. Hagin preached his classic

# 'I Know I'm Home!'

sermon, "Loose Him and Let Him Go!" Over 25 years later, this timeless teaching was released anew on video at Campmeeting 2002.

- At Campmeeting '79, RHEMA alumni were commissioned by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to take RHEMA Bible Training Center overseas. Earlier that year during RHEMA's graduation services, the Lord had given Rev. Hagin a prophecy of RHEMA alumni going unto the uttermost parts of the earth with the "sound of many beautiful feet." In symbolic affirmation of that prophecy and in demonstration of their commitment to fulfill the plan and purpose of God, graduates from the class of 1979 marched around the auditorium while Rev. Hagin read this prophecy at Campmeeting '79. It was also at this Campmeeting that Rev. Hagin first shared that the Lord was leading him to start a healing school on the RHEMA campus in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Since its first session held in October of 1979, Healing School has become a vital outreach of RHEMA's Prayer and Healing Center, and continues to minister to thousands of people each year.

- By the closing night of Campmeeting '86, nearly 1,000 men, women, and children had been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit! Of the 600 teenagers who attended Campmeeting youth services, many received direction for their lives, with 200 youth indicating they were called into Christian service.

- During Campmeeting '87, Rev. Hagin ministered especially to pastors and shared with the entire audience the revelation God had given him on "Plans, Purposes, and Pursuits." The message of that revelation was subsequently released in print: Rev. Hagin's book *Plans, Purposes, and Pursuits* now reaches a worldwide readership with a call to the true worship of God.

- With more than 16,000 in attendance, Campmeeting '91 saw thousands crowded inside the Tulsa Convention Center's Exhibit Hall to help celebrate the 25th anniversary of the "Faith Seminar of the Air" radio broadcast. Other highlights of Campmeeting '91 included the release of Oretha Hagin's book, *The Price Is Not Greater Than God's Grace*, and Rev. Craig W. Hagin's public announcement of his call to the ministry.

*Dear Family,*

I call you family, although the faces there change through the years. I remember first hearing Brother Hagin during the summer of 1978 on "Faith Seminar of the Air." I had just finished my freshman year at ORU [Oral Roberts University], and was working in Tulsa that summer as a floral delivery person. In the afternoons, as I made my deliveries, I would listen to Brother Hagin on the radio. Hearing these short broadcasts, week in and week out, changed my life forever!

In July of that year, I attended my first Campmeeting. Over the years, Kenneth Hagin Ministries has played a major part in helping me to realize my covenant rights, the wonders of God's presence and anointing, and the awesome beauty of the Body of Christ. Whenever I can make the trip to Tulsa for Campmeeting, no matter how rough or good the year has been, I do. And when I get down on that arena floor amongst all those red chairs and see the platform and soak up the anointing — *I KNOW I'M HOME!* It brings tears to my eyes even now as I think of it. I feel a deep kinship with this ministry, and I love it. The Lord willing, I'll be home again for Campmeeting this next July!

Chauncey Motley  
Wilmington, Delaware

- From start to finish, it was celebration time at Campmeeting '97 as more than 17,400 people gathered from all 50 states and 65 countries to celebrate Campmeeting's silver anniversary and Rev. Hagin's 80th birthday.

- At Campmeeting '98, the children were visibly touched by the power of God. Of the 1,279 children who attended, 137 were born again, 130 rededicated their lives to the Lord, and 213 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit!

- At Campmeeting 2002, thousands from around the world gathered to celebrate Rev. Hagin's 85th birthday and Campmeeting's 30th anniversary. Reflecting upon his 68 years of ministry, Rev. Hagin boldly declared that he was still thrilled with the Word and holding fast to it! Special celebrations included a tribute to Rev. Hagin by the directors of the international RHEMA Bible Training Centers; the performance of a Sua — a Samoan ceremony honoring a highly

respected individual — by RHEMA South Pacific; and the proclamation of "Kenneth E. Hagin Day" in the City of Tulsa by Mayor Bill LaFortune.

Over the years, Campmeeting has drawn guests from all 50 states, Canada, and 68 other countries. From the very first gathering of 1973 to the thirtieth held last year, Campmeeting has always been a time when adults, youth, and children alike have met with God and with one another in rich, life-transforming fellowship. Faith has been strengthened as the anointed Word of God has been taught and preached. Vision for ministry has been renewed. Steps in personal walks with God have been made sure. Anointings have been imparted. And the touch of the Holy Spirit has filled many with joy and gladness. Clearly, Campmeeting is a life-changing event! We invite *you* to come and see for yourself!

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# From the Archives

A nostalgic look at the beginnings of Kenneth Hagin Ministries



## Faith Is of the Heart

On August 8, 1934, Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin was healed by the power of God through faith and prayer after lying bedfast for 16 months. This month, Rev. Hagin continues an account of how he had to learn to stand in faith to keep his healing.

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After I was healed, every day as I walked to school I would confess, "In Him was life and the life was the light of men (John 1:4). That life is in me. The life of God is in me. That life is the light — it is the development of me. It is developing my spirit. It is developing my mentality. I have God in me. I have God's wisdom in me. I have God's life in me. That life of God in my spirit dominates me. I purpose in my heart to walk in the light of life."

After I was born again, I never made anything but a straight "A" report card. And I never took one book home to study. Now I do not mean that I just skipped by. In study hall periods at school I studied. I listened intently in class to everything that was said. But by receiving eternal life into my spirit and getting my mind renewed with the Word, my mentality was increased from 30 to 60 percent.

The life of God will do that for anyone.

Yet I still had to learn how to stand for my healing. And I almost lost it. You see, as a 17-year-old, I had no one to encourage me about healing. I was

standing alone. And the devil would harass me in my thoughts. The paralysis never returned, but I almost lost my healing from the heart condition.

I was very thin — I weighed only 89 pounds. Someone would see me on the street and ask, "How are you feeling? Does your heart ever give you any trouble? You look like you can hardly put one foot in front of the other."

That's the way I felt, so I answered them according to the facts. We don't deny the facts. I'd say, "Well, yes, my heart does give me trouble."

The person would say, "My car is right around the corner. Let me take you home." They'd take me home and I'd have to go to bed. As time went on, I was staying in bed more than I was out. I didn't know what to do.

One night I was lying in bed, praying. I hadn't slept a wink and it was four o'clock in the morning. I said, "Lord, You don't miss it. You can't miss it. But some way or another I've missed the mark. I'm staying in bed almost more than I'm out of it.

"Lord, when these folks asked me how I felt, I answered them according to the facts. But I've noticed that, at the same time, something rose up on the inside of me — words like this: 'I'm healed, thank you.' The next time someone asks me how I feel, I'm going to answer out of my heart instead of my head. If that's not the problem, I can't get any worse. I'm nearly bedfast already." You see, faith is of the heart,

not the head. I'll be honest with you — I didn't know that then.

The very next day, I happened to be in town. As I walked past a business, one of the owners, Mrs. Black, waved to me and hollered. Her son, Eugene, and I were very close before I became bedfast. She and her family lived in an apartment above their store.

I stopped to speak to her and she asked me, "How are you feeling? Does your heart give you any more trouble?"

Out of my head, I started to say yes. But I waited for just a second, and from inside me those words came up: "I'm well, thank you."

You see, when Jesus was here on earth He said, ". . . *What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them*" (Mark 11:24). I had prayed and believed I received healing, so I had healing. But at the moment I prayed and believed I received, I didn't feel any better.

Mrs. Black said, "My! You look like you can't put one foot in front of the other!" I felt like I couldn't. She said, "Let me call upstairs and get Eugene to come down and take you home in the car."

I said, "No! I'll just walk. I'm fine, thank you."

"Well, you sure don't look good!"

She didn't know I didn't feel good. She didn't know I felt like I was about to fall in my tracks! But I started walking home. And the farther I went, the better I felt. By the time I was halfway there, I didn't have any symptoms. I felt strong. I didn't go to bed, and haven't been to bed since, except to sleep!

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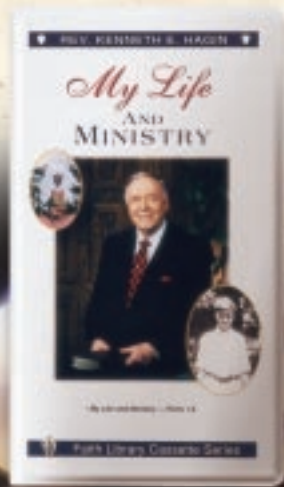
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